

### **Santa Barbara County**

# **Benefit Service Center**

Opened September 24, 2008



## **Service Center Staffing**



- Management
  - 2 Managers



- Eligibility
  - > 14 Eligibility Units
  - > 7-8 Eligibility Workers
  - ▶ 1 Lead

- Analysis
  - Scheduling Analyst
  - Reporting Analyst



- Clerical
  - 2 Clerical Units



## **Santa Barbara County Services**



#### **Santa Maria Service Center**

- Medi-Cal Ongoing
- CalFresh Ongoing
- Medi-Cal Applications
- Task Based Environment

#### **Santa Barbara District Office**

- CalWORKs Intake/Ongoing
- Medi-Cal/CalFresh/GR Intake
- 2 Ongoing Caseloads of MC/CF
- Homeless population

### Santa Maria District Office #1

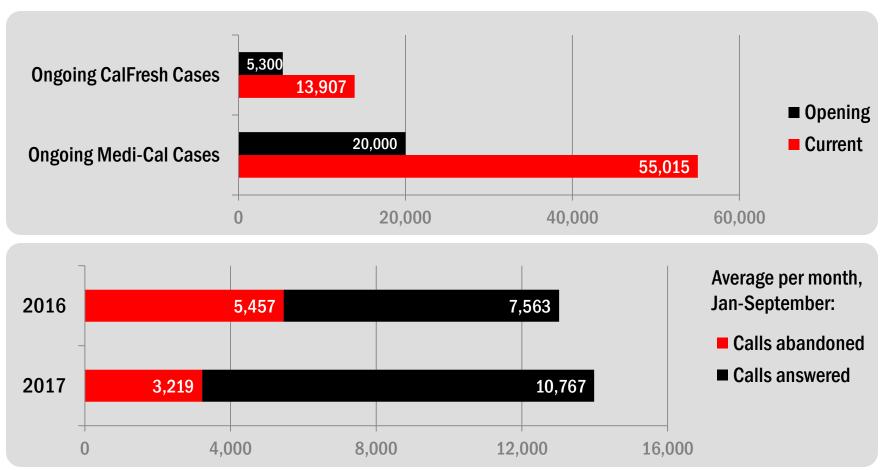
- Medi-Cal/CalFresh/GR Intake
- 2 Ongoing Caseload Units
  - Homeless population
  - ACA Call Center
- Santa Maria District Office #2
  - CalWORKs Intake/Ongoing

### **Lompoc District Office**

- CalWORKs Intake/Ongoing
- Medi-Cal/CalFresh/GR Intake
- 1 Ongoing MC/CF Caseload
  - Homeless population

### **Service Center Statistics**





We average 14,000 calls and 11,000 case maintenance tasks per month.

### **Employee Morale & Retention**



- > 9-10% attrition rate
  - ▶ Most separate < 1 year of service
- Improved hiring practices
- Celebrate BIG
- Modeling the Way
- Exit interviews



"THE THREE MUSKETEERS"
KNOWN FOR LEADING THE PACK TO
SHENANEGANS!!!

Appreciation is about the whole person, not just their performance.

5 Languages of Appreciation

### **Recognition & Appreciation**





#### **Staff Appreciation**

- Staff Appreciation Day (may be offsite)
- Staff Appreciation Week
- EW Appreciation
- Lead Appreciation
- AOP Appreciation



#### Theme Days

- Rodeo
- Lupus Awareness
- March Madness
- Holidays
- Spring Cleaning Days
- Summer Kickoff



### Individual Recognition

- Department Newsletter Kudos (The Intercom)
- Appreciation Grams
- Affirmations/Bday s



#### **Guest Speakers**

- Wellness
- Work/Life Balance
- Science of Customer Service

### **Employee Engagement**





#### **Suggestion Box**

- Anonymous submissions
- Monthly Responses



#### **Leads United**

- Act as a liaison between staff and management
- Positively address policy and procedural changes emphasizing impacts to department, staff, and ultimately, our clients



#### **BPR Workgroup**

 Comprised of representatives at all levels in the service center to document business processes and hand offs through posted workflows



#### **Think Tank**

 Creative thinkers with front line experience to explore workload ideas to increase efficiency

## **Annual Staff Appreciation**



#### **Themes:**

- We Survived
- Carnival
- Sailing to New Horizons
- Happy
- Super Hero

#### **Activities:**

- Speakers
- Teambuilding
- Food
- Certificates









## **Sprouting the Spirit**



Presenters: Isabel Rodriguez and Alejandra Vargas

### **Service Center Model**





## Case Maintenance Time: 2+ days

- RRR Processing
- Periodic Reports
- CalFresh renewal phone interviews
- Craigs, ICTs, FH
- External Referrals



### Telephone Time: 2+ days

- Daily client contacts
- Wrap-Up/Case maintenance
- Task completion (1 & Done model)
- Outstation



#### **Lead Workers**

- Special tasks
- Agency queue



### Office Professional Units

- Mail & scanning
- Task distribution
- EBT/BIC queue
- MEDS Input

Phone Hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **Service Center Technology**





### **Call Management**

- Fusion IVR (callback option)
- Call Center Worx (ACD)
- NEC VOIP Phones (800 series)
- NEC Global Navigatior/Fusion(A CD reporting)



### Workload Management

- DocStar (document imaging software)
- TMT (Task Management Tracking software)
- Verint Impact 360 (workforce scheduling & management)



### **Quality Assurance**

- Call Recording/ Screen Capture (RFP scheduled for FY 2017-18)
- Business process workflows (Intranet)



### **Ergonomics**

- Dual Monitors
- Sit/Stand Desks

### **One and Done Model**



### **Goals:**

- ▶ Eliminate redundancy
- Increase quality of work
- Increase customer service
- Reduce calls



### **Expectations:**

- Complete all open task work associated to a case whenever touched (phone call or case maintenance)
  - ▶ Includes processing alerts, IEVS, over/under issuances.

## **Eligibility Supervisor**



### A day in the life:

- Coach, mentor, and report/troubleshoot problem cases
- Compose and deliver staff evaluations
- Send/receive case returns (accountability)
- Conduct monthly One on One conferences
- Conduct monthly unit meetings
- Complete task/call reviews to ensure program and business process adherence
- Monitor GNAV/Contact Director to ensure unit member schedule adherence
  - Once a week supervisors rotate responsibility for monitoring call volume, sending SOS calls and ensuring queue is clear

### **Service Center Resources**



#### Benefit Service Center



#### **Benefit Service Center**

844-289-4682

"Bringing Service Closer To You"

24 Hour Information (866) 404-4007

FAX

**Hearing Impaired Clients** 287-3892 TTY/TDD (805) 614-1598



#### **BSC Resources**

BSC BPR Minutes	<u>Forms</u>		
BSC Caseloads	<u>Memos</u>		
<u>District Office Info</u>	<u>Workflows</u>		
Workload Management Tool			

#### **BSC Manuals**

Operations	Technical	IVR Tools
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### **Additional Resources - Workflows**



BSC Resources			
Workflows			
90 Day Cure-Review	Discontinuance of Benefits	Outstation Appointments	
Add MC App to an Active CF Case	Documents Scanned in District Offices	Overpayment Repayments	
Adding a Newborn	Documents to be Scanned by Worker Request	Pregnancy Process	
Adding a Person	eICTs-Outgoing	Printing Client Correspondence at a DO	
Address Changes; Returned Mail; Homeless Mail	External Referrals	QC/QA Case Corrective Actions	
BIC/EBT Re-Issuance	Fair Hearings	Retro Requests	
CalFresh Restoration Processing	Healthy Families TransitionAERs	RRR Process - CalFresh	
CF Fraud Requests	Importing Workflow	RRR Process-Express Lane Enrollment	
CF Probation/Parole Violator	Intake Medi-Cal Cases	RRR Process - MAGI Incompatibles	
Case Returns	IFD Process	RRR Process - Mailing Out Manual RRRs	
Case Transfers-Outgoing	IPV Process	RRR Process - Medi-Cal	
Cases Needing Recurrent MC/FS Overrides or CF NSDI's	MC/CF Referrals from CalWORKS	RRR Process - Medi-Cal QMB/SLMB/QI-1 only SSI Recipient	
Change of Circumstance Follow Up	Medi-Cal Fraud Referral Process	RRR Process - MIXED Med-Cal	
Companion Case Review/Referrals	MEDS Requests	RRR Process - Non MAGI	
Confidential Case Assignment	Non Payment of Premium for Medi-Cal	SAR7 Processing	
DED Process	Non-System Determined Claim	Telephone Call Follow Up	
Department Child Support Services Referral	Other Health Coverage	Third Party Liability (TPL)	
		Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) Report	

## **Ongoing Challenges**



- Balancing phone and task work
- Prioritizing work –everything is important
- Increasing percentage of MAGI RD Extended cases
- Balance focus for staff on what they get done, versus what needs to be done.



### What is Next?



- Telephonic Signature
- Call Recording/ScreenCapture for QualityAssurance
- Post Call Customer Survey
- Outbound calls reminders
- Octopus Email portal



### Questions



- Metrics for Staff and Supervisors
- How is schedule adherence monitored?
- How are staffing levels determined?
- Task Tracking Tool TMT
- Tools/Handouts/Cheat Sheets available
- Ideas to help staff adjust to changes in call center

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